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SOUTH FLORIDA TRANSIT PROFESSIONALS WELCOME NEW FTA ADMINISTRATOR

Yvette G. Taylor, who joined the Federal Transit Administration as the Regional Administrator of Region 4 in October 2005, was warmly welcomed by almost 100 industry professionals at a recent South Florida Women's Transportation Seminar luncheon held on the same day as Tri-Rail's Rider Appreciation Day – May 2. As the keynote speaker, Mrs. Taylor acknowledged the successes of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority and the South Florida region's four transit agencies, Broward County Transit, Miami-Dade Transit, Palm Tran and Tri-Rail.

Mrs. Taylor said that she is "proud to be involved with South Florida transit initiatives." She offered her administration's respect for the agencies and her services in helping the region carry out transportation projects. Additionally, Mrs. Taylor offered high praise for the SFRTA's completion of the Tri-Rail Double Track Corridor Improvement Program, Segment 5 Project and the accomplishments that have resulted, and will continue to result, due to the project's completion.

Prior to joining the FTA, Mrs. Taylor served in senior positions at the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Management and Budget, as well as the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Women's Transportation Seminar provides opportunities for professional and personal growth for women in the transportation industry through networking opportunities and through committee and leadership roles within the WTS framework. For membership information, visit www.wtsinternational.org.



Enjoying the SFWTS luncheon were: (Front Row) Mass Transit Director Christopher K. Walton, BCT; Regional Administrator Yvette G. Taylor, FTA Region 4 and Executive Director Joseph Giuliatti, SFRTA and (Back Row) SFWTS Membership Chair Maria Porrata, Marlin Engineering; SFWTS Secretary Jill Capelli, Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc.; Executive Director Chuck Cohen, Palm Tran; SFWTS President Maggie Ferrara, SFRTA and Commissioner James A. Scott, vice chair of the SFRTA.

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The latest news from the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, a partnership between Broward, Miami-Dade & Palm Beach counties.

SFRTA CELEBRATES COMPLETION OF DOUBLE TRACKING PROJECT AND SALUTES TRANSIT RIDERS

The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority mounted a tremendous effort to thank passengers for their patience during months of construction delays. It was also a day of celebration to acknowledge the completion of the final phase of the Double Track Corridor Improvement Program and Tri-Rail's new and improved service.

Rider Appreciation Day got off to a great start during the early morning hours and continued into the early evening, at a number of train stations and onboard various trains. Passengers enjoyed complimentary coffee and donuts, newspapers, a myriad of giveaways, special appearances by Kellogg's® Tony the Tiger™ and Ernie the Keebler® Elf and the chance to win great prizes from select radio stations.

More celebration continued throughout the afternoon, as Tri-Rail's Fort Lauderdale Station was the backdrop for a reunion of those who had worked on the double tracking project over the past four years — including representatives from funding agencies including the Federal Transit Administration, the Florida Department of Transportation and local government.

The Florida Marlins Mermaids kicked off the event with a rousing cheer and the Mt. Hermon AME Choir closed the event with a moving spiritual. Pollo Tropical added some more spice to the event, serving their



Among the noted guests were (L - R) Board Member Bill T. Smith, Jr., Esq., SFRTA; Broward County Commissioner James A. Scott, vice chair of the SFRTA; Secretary James Wolfe, FDOT District IV; Executive Director Joseph Giuliatti, SFRTA; Regional Administrator Yvette G. Taylor, FTA Region 4 and Board Member James A. Cummings, SFRTA.

(Below) Pollo Tropical was a huge supporter of the day's festivities.



most popular menu items.

Regional Administrator Yvette G. Taylor expressed the FTA's "pride in this project." She also praised the regional spirit of cooperation that she witnessed during her visit and congratulated the staffs of Broward County Transit, Miami-Dade Transit, Palm Tran and the SFRTA, on their willingness to work together for the good of South Florida.

"The people we really need to thank today are our passengers," said SFRTA Executive Director Joseph Giuliatti. "They have stayed with us through very difficult times, when on-time performance reached

all-time lows, and we are very grateful for their loyalty." He also expressed his appreciation to the SFRTA's partners in the project, including DMJM Harris; Tri-County Rail Constructors; Greenberg Traurig, LLP; Herzog Transit Services Inc.; Meridian Management Corporation; Wackenhut Corporation and Bitner Goodman.

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Recently, the SFRTA has increased the number of Tri-Rail weekday trains from 30 to 40, and has introduced additional weekend service. Tri-Rail has seen a 15 percent increase in ridership since the new service began and a considerably improved on-time-performance record. Additional schedule improvements are anticipated during early 2007.

LA SFRTA FESTEJA LA FINALIZACIÓN DEL PROYECTO DE DOBLE VÍA Y LE RINDE HOMENAJE A LOS PASAJEROS DEL TRANSPORTE PÚBLICO

La Autoridad Regional de Transporte del Sur de Florida (SFRTA, por sus siglas en inglés) organizó con gran esfuerzo el evento para agradecer a los pasajeros por la paciencia demostrada durante las demoras en los meses de obras de construcción. Fue también un día de festejo en el que se celebró la culminación de la fase final del Programa de Mejoras del Corredor de Doble Vía y la inauguración del nuevo y mejorado servicio de Tri-Rail.

El Día de Agradecimiento al Usuario se llevó a cabo en distintas estaciones y a bordo de varios trenes, con un comienzo sensacional a primeras horas de la mañana y extendiéndose hasta las primeras horas de la noche. Los pasajeros pudieron disfrutar de café y donuts, periódicos, y un sinnúmero de regalos, la aparición de Tony the Tiger™ de Kellogg's® y el elfo Ernie the Keebler®. Los usuarios también tuvieron la posibilidad de ganar grandes premios otorgados por un grupo selecto de estaciones de radio.

Las celebraciones continuaron a lo largo de la tarde, siendo la Estación de Tri-Rail de Fort Lauderdale el marco para la reunión de todos aquellos que participaron del proyecto de doble vía en los últimos cuatro años, incluidos los representantes de las agencias de financiación como la Administración Federal de Transporte, el Departamento de Transporte de Florida (FDOT, por sus siglas en inglés) y el gobierno local.

El equipo de Florida Marlins Mermaids dio comienzo al evento con una clamorosa ovación. El cierre del evento estuvo a cargo del Coro de la Mt. Hermon AME con un emocionante tema espiritual. Pollo Tropical le puso más pimienta al evento con sus platos más conocidos. La Sra. Yvette Taylor expresó el "orgullo que la FTA sentía por este proyecto" y elogió el espíritu regional de cooperación del que fue testigo durante su visita. Asimismo, felicitó al personal de la

Secretaría de Transporte del Condado de Broward, la Secretaría de Transporte de Miami-Dade, Palm Tran y la SFRTA por su voluntad de trabajar juntos por el bien del Sur de Florida.

El Sr. Giulietti, por su parte, dijo que "a quien realmente debemos agradecer hoy es a nuestros pasajeros". Y continuó diciendo: "son ellos quienes nos han apoyado en los momentos difíciles, cuando la puntualidad de nuestro servicio alcanzó los niveles más bajos de su historia; les estamos profundamente agradecidos por su lealtad". El Sr. Giulietti expresó además su agradecimiento a los socios de la SFRTA en este proyecto, entre los que se encuentran DMJM Harris; Tri-County Rail Constructors; Greenberg Traurig, LLP; Herzog Transit Services Inc.; Meridian Management Corporation; Wackenhut Corporation y Bitner Goodman.

Recientemente, la SFRTA ha incrementado el número de trenes de Tri-Rail que circulan los días de semana de 30 a 40 y ha agregado un servicio adicional los fines de semana. Tri-Rail ha experimentado un crecimiento del 15% en pasajeros desde que el nuevo servicio comenzó a implementarse y ha mejorado significativamente su record de puntualidad. Se esperan más mejoras en los horarios del servicio para comienzos del año 2007.

SFRTA AP FETE POU KONSTRIKSYON PWOJE DOUB RAY TREN L LAN (DOUBLE TRAKING PROJECT) KI FINI E LI SALWE TOUT MOUN KI PRAN TRANSPORTE PUBLIK

South Florida Regional Transportation Authority organize yon gwo fèt pou li ka rémèsyé tout pasajé li yo pou pasyanz yo pandan tout mwa li pran pou li bati doub ray tren yo é ki te kozé anpil réta avan pou tren yo rivé nan chak estasyon. Sé te tou yon jou fèt pou yo té kap inogiré faz final Double Trak Corridor Improvement Program ak nuvo sévis é amélorasyon sévis Tri-Rail la.

Jou Aprésyasyon pou tout moun ki kliyan Tri-Rail (Rider Appreciation Day) té kòmansé depi byen boné nan matin é li té kontinyé jouk aswè nan plizyè estasyon é yo te fété mem nan tren yo tou. Yo té sévi pasajé yo kafé ak donuts gratis, yo té distribyé journal ak anpil lòt kado, te genyen Kellogg®, Tony the Tiger™ é Ernie the Keebler® Elf, épi moun té gen chans pou yo té genyen yon pri nan rafal raf ké estasyon radio yo té fè kado.

Fèt la té kontinyé tout aprèmidi sa-a, pandan ké estasyon Tri-Rail nan Fort Lauderdale la té sévi kòm katyé jénéral koté tout moun ki té travay nan Pwojè Doub Ray Tren Yen (double tracking project) pandan (4) kat dènye ané ki sot pasé la yo té réyini – té genyen tou réprézantan ajanz yo ki bay lajan yo san nou pa bilyé Federal Transit Administration, Florida Department of Transportation é gouvènman lokal yo.

Florida Marlins Mermaids kòmansé fèt la ak on gwo démonstrasyon lè majorèt li yo levé vwa yo é koral Mt. Hermon AME té klotiré fèt la ak yon bèl chanté espiyrityèl. Pollo Tropical té ajouté plis épis nan gwo koujay sa-a – li té sévi manjé ki pi popilè nan menu li.

Yvette Taylor té pran la pawòl é li té ékspimé fiété ké FTA senti pou pwojé sa-a. Li té voyé anpil flè pou gwo tèt ansamn sa a ké li té obsevè é li té konplimanté staf Broward County Transit, Miami Dade Transit, Palm Tran é SFRTA pou gwo travay men nan men sa a ké yo té réyalizé pou byennèt South Florida (Sud Floride la).

Pa gen twò lontan, ké kantité tren Tri-Rail ki té kon fonksyoné pa semen té ogmanté soti nan 30 é li té rivé a 40, li ogmanté sévis li nan weedend tou. Kantité moun ki pran sévis Tri-Rail la ogmanté 15% depi nuvo sévis la kòmansé, é tren yo bat on gwo rekò nan rivé nan estasyon yo a lè. Pi plis amelorasyon ap vini nan kòmansman ané 2007 la.



A special thanks to our community partners who helped make this event a success

